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SUBJECT: US COMPUTER PERIPHERALS TO USSR - IL 1565

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1. SENTENCE GENERATING CANADIAN QUESTION REF B IS THE RESULT OF INADVERTENT INCLUSION IN REF A OF A CONDITION INTENDED FOR INTERNAL USG USE. ACTUALLY PART OF THE CANADIAN QUESTION IS ANSWERED IN PARA 1B OF ANNEX II OF COCOM DOC.(72)1234, WHICH SETS FORTH THE SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE DUBNA COMPUTER. SINCE MONITORING OF THAT COMPUTER IS FOR A THREE YEAR DURATION, IT FOLLOWS THAT THE NEED FOR THE TAPE TRANSPORT WILL EXPIRE WHEN THE SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS LAPSE IF THEY ARE NOT EXTENDED BY THE ADDITION OF UPGRADING EQUIPMENT. THE RETURN OF THE TRANSPORT IS GUARANTEED BY THE TERMS OF THE US LICENSE AUTHORIZING ITS EXPORT FOR THE STATED END-USE. IF THE TRANSPORT IS TO REMAIN AT DUBNA AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE MONITORING PERIOD, THE US WILL SUBMIT AN EXCEPTIONS REQUEST COVERING ITS EXPORT.

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2. FYI: THREE YEAR TIME LIMIT OF DUBNA SAFEGUARDS BEGAN

WITH INSTALLATION OF THE COMPUTER IN FEBRUARY 1973. IF COCOM ADOPTS THE US PROPOSAL RE COMPUTER SAFEGUARDS, OR A REASONABLE VARIATION THEREOF, THE LEVEL OF SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS WILL BE LOWERED, NEGATING THE NEED FOR THE SUBJECT TAPE TRANSPORT, WHICH THEN WILL BE RETURNED OR WILL BECOME THE SUBJECT OF A STRAIGHT EXCEPTION REQUEST IF ITS CONTINUED PRESENCE AT DUBNA IS JUSTIFIED. CONVERSELY, IF SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS REMAIN AT THE PRESENT LEVEL, THE TRANSPORT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR MONITORING PURPOSES FOR AS LONG AS THE DUBNA SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS CONTINUE IN FORCE. IF, AS NOTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE, THE TRANSPORT IS TO REMAIN AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE DUBNA SAFEGUARDS, WE WILL COME IN WITH AN EXCEPTIONS REQUEST. END FYI

3. WE ARE PUZZLED BY THE CANADIAN QUESTION, WHICH SEEMS OUT OF CHARACTER, RE THIS MINOR ITEM OF EQUIPMENT. WHAT IN YOUR OPINION IS THE MOTIVATION FOR THE QUESTION. WAS IT AN ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS US, OR AN EFFORT TO SMOKE OUT US INTENTIONS RE COMPUTER SAFEGUARDS? KISSINGER

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